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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Hiroshi KAWAGUCHI, et al.	:	Examiner: Unassigned
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Application No.: Unassigned	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FEE/STATEMENT

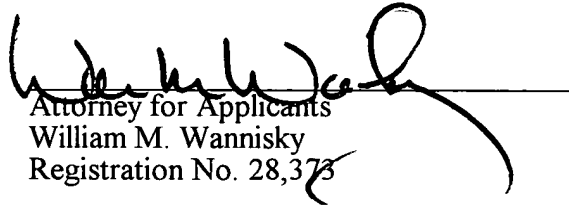
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action has not been received in the subject application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		<b>6,522,845 B2</b>	<b>2/18/2003</b>	<b>Sameshima</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>10/9/2001</b>

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		<b>9-319174</b>	<b>12/12/1997</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
		<b>11-161038</b>	<b>6/18/1999</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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